

## HOLD-UP ON THE SANTA FE

**TWO MEN ROB AN EXPRESS CAR  
AND GET MUCH PLUNDER.**

### Hobbers in New Mexico Blow Open the Money Safe and Make Off with All Its Contents— One Man Staggered Under the Load— The Thieves Were Cool and Deliberate.

train No. 2 from Los Angeles over the Santa Fe and Pacific Railroad, which was held up at Grant's Station at 8 o'clock on Saturday night, reached here at 11:30 this morning, and the Wells-Fargo money safe, with the big hole in the door, and its larger companions, which were used for the transportation of articles of lesser value than gold coin and currency, with their slides badly scorched, were viewed by a large crowd of curiosity seekers.

The train reached Grant Station at 7:50 o'clock last night, thirty minutes before the point several robbers boarded it, and when it stopped at the stock yards and water tank, something over a mile east of the station, the

There were a number of hobos around the train, and the robbers shot all around them to keep them away. The passengers thought it was the trainmen who were firing at the tramps and felt no apprehension at first.

The trainmen, seeing a large number of men around the cars, were unable to distinguish between the good and the bad. They thought they were being attacked by a large force. Harry McCarty, the engineer, was on the ground filling the oil cups of his engine.

The shooting began to wet back into the train. Engineer Lori was startled by the situation when he heard the shots, and hid his watch and other personal valuables in the car and then jumped out. He took a gun and ran to the engine car into the day coach. He threw his telltale cap under one of the seats and borrowed a hat from a passenger and waited, expecting each minute that the hold-ups would come back in search of him.

In the meantime Henry Abel, the fireman who was on the engine, had been fired at several times, one of the shots grazing his back and

Abel was then taken back and forced to uncouple the express car. The engine, mail, baggage, and express car were taken up the track about half a mile. When the robbers found that the express car was locked they took it to

When this was found to be useless they began to work on the door with giant powder. Three shots were fired before an entrance was effected.

directly to the money safe, and paid no attention whatever to the other three that were in the car.

The fireman was sent to the tender for the coal, which was laid on top of the giant powder car, and then the fuse was lighted.

The first shot was successful, and then the fireman was forced to help them load the money car, which was said to be so heavy that it filled that the man who carried it bent over as he walked.

After succeeding with their job, which took them nearly an hour, the robbers started back toward the car, and took time to go to ransack the messengers' lunch bag, and finding in it three apples. Only two robbers had been at work on the car and each

There were no horses in sight, but it is thought

The fireman does not give a very clear description of the men, but thinks he can identify them if he saw them again. A young fellow, who was beating his way on to top of the baggage car lay there and watched the men. He thought he would see if he would know the men if he saw them again.

When the raiders left, the fireman started back for the train. His fire had run down and while he was stopping over fixing up his lamp too close to the cars to check himing and the shock of the collision over turned a stove in the day coach and set fire to the train.

The fireman was under the impression when he started back that the cars had been cut off at Grata, and he did not think he was near them until he came close to stop at Grata. He first saw the men on the platform, the combination baggage and express cars.

distance. By the time the men got back it was too hot to uncouple the chain car, so it was burned with the engine and exploded. The two Pullmans suffered no damage whatever.

There were not more than twenty-five passengers on the train, and none of them was molested. One ex-Union army captain saw the view from a pistol shot and a western nickname caused him to shudder and close the window.

Theriff Hubbell and Deputy Farnoff of Reno county and several of the officers for the county of Esmeralda were with the robbers, but the results are doubtful.

One man from Grants claims to have seen the two men in a saloon there during the day, but

"Black Jack's gang" is credited by many with being to blame for the robbery. A peculiar feature of the case is that a tip was supposed to have been received a few weeks ago by the express company that a hold up would soon be attempted.

It is impossible to get even an approximate figure on the express company's loss, but it is known that recent money shipments from the coast have been largely the safe containing about \$57,000, a few weeks ago. In addition to the Wells-Fargo

standing reward of \$200, General Manager G. Nevin of the Santa Fé, Pacific and Southern California railroads will offer a reward of \$500 each for the train robbers, dead or alive.

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**LIEUT. O'BRIEN UNDER ARREST**

It Was He Who Preferred Charges Against

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 7.—Lieut. Michael O'Brien, who preferred the charges against Capt. Henry Romeyn which resulted in the latter's conviction before a court-martial a few months ago, is now under arrest, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

On arrival at Chattanooga, it is charged th

from his command for the entire seven-day stay of the troops. He failed to accompany the regiment on its trip to the Nashville Exposition and when he finally rejoined his company Col. Cook placed him under arrest.

Col. Cook will not talk about the matter. O'Brien is an efficient officer, with fine presence, having represented the United States Army, during the China-Japan war. At the conclusion of hostilities he is reported to have conducted himself in such a man-ner as to cause criticism.